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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.17

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its sixth special session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, by which it decided to establish the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Recalling also its resolutions 54/216 of 22 December 1999 on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twentieth session and 53/242 of 28 July 1999 on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements,

Recalling further the Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme,[1] adopted by the Governing Council of the Programme at its nineteenth session,

Underscoring the fact that the forthcoming ten-year review of progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development will provide the international community with a unique opportunity to take action to implement its commitments and to strengthen the international cooperation urgently required to address the challenges of sustainable development in the twenty-first century,

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/52/25), annex, decision 19/1, annex.

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Reaffirming the role of the United Nations Environment Programme in the preparation for the ten-year review of the progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as reflected in the decisions of the eighth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its sixth special session[2] and notes the decisions contained therein, as well as the consultations among member States in preparation for the twenty-first session and, in this regard, also takes note of the ongoing consultations contributing to the further elaboration and implementation of the water policy and strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme;

2. *Welcomes* the convening of the First Global Ministerial Environment Forum and, in this regard, expresses its deep appreciation to the Government of Sweden for the generous manner in which it hosted and provided facilities for the Forum, and takes note with appreciation of the Malmö Ministerial Declaration[3] as one of the contributions to the Millennium Summit and to the preparations for the ten-year review of progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

3. *Stresses* the importance of the section of the United Nations Millennium Declaration[4] on protecting our common environment[5] which reaffirms the principles of sustainable development as set out in Agenda 21,[6] and in particular resolves to adopt a new ethic of conservation and stewardship in all our environmental actions;

4. *Welcomes* the decision[7] of the Governing Council on the contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21;[8]

5. *Stresses* that the United Nations Environment Programme, as the principal body in the field of environment within the United Nations system, should continue to play an important role in the implementation of Agenda 21 and in the preparation of the ten-year review of progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

6. *Underscores* the need for sufficient financial resources, on a stable and predictable basis, to ensure the full implementation of the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme, in particular with a view to ensuring its strong involvement in the preparatory process for the ten-year review of progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its various levels, and in the implementation of the outcome of the review;

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[2] Ibid., *Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/55/25).

[3] Ibid., annex I, decision SS.VI/1, annex.

[4] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[5] Ibid., sect. IV.

[6] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

[7] Ibid., decision SS.VI/3.

[8] General Assembly resolution S-19/2, annex.

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources from the regular budget of the United Nations to the United Nations Environment Programme for the biennium 2002-2003, in accordance with current budgetary practices and to consider other ways to support the strengthening of the Programme in view of the ten-year review of progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.